Anthropological Marx

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I. Anthropological Worlds of Quechua Peasants – Visits to Mexican Villages in Ayucutlo

I went to the Quechua peasants in Southern Mexico for a Communist Party of Mexico campaign. The rhythms in the village were very different. About fifteen days without again phone connection or computer workable. I was working with the peasants in small peasant marches and even large assemblies and talks. The peasants are really different, they look and appear different and even speak a Quechua and speak in a different accent and sound like Savage Minds that Levi Strauss was arguing for. Strauss meant they have Savage logics, like looking for a small pond of water and working there for a month and pouring water on the rice fields and working on its cultivation and harvesting for the year. They are always chopping the rice and re-cultivating it. Quechua peasants are also doing jacqueries from period to period in the year.

II. Marginal Views joining my Archaeological Works

From Eldorado then to the Quechua peasant worlds. I see a different world here entirely I mean. The margins see the city capitalism therefore as a mainstream pop cultural form. I mean then that the people are like

what I meant in my novel “Dormir Sin Tierra” – a type of peasant poor which is mobilizable by the leader of Communist Parties and they are also without land and bread and Spirit. They are in fact the poorest consciousness and subalternity then is their general expressions of a mixed conception of the world.

III. Archaeological Period first – 4 months then in Eldorado in the Hills in the North of Mexico and then 4 Months in Chiapas with Quechua Peasants and Mayan Indians – 1967 – 1968

I find in fact a whole peasant world and archaeology as similar – how then from the margins it appears that in fact main capitalism is a city experience – following the culture-ideology machine. Here in fact there is the real rhythms of the poor. They are all so poor and Indian. It appears their expression means I translated with a cheap Spanish speaker comrade in the cheap peasant organization of the party –

“We need some wage only, and against the state and against comprador capital. They should just be some water as well. We see water as more important.”